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## GENERAL

1. Strong US statement on Czechoslovakia urged--US Ambassador Steinhardt in Prague reports his belief that a strong statement by Secretary Marshall on recent developments in Czechoslovakia would have a "very sobering effect" on the Czechoslovak Communists. Steinhardt also feels that such a statement would influence President Benes' course of action and might encourage the rebirth of either open or underground opposition to complete Communist dictation. The Ambassador suggests that the Secretary's statement might imply that the US is considering the suspension of US exports to Czechoslovakia or may close the US zones of Germany and Austria to all Czechoslovak traffic.
2. Assurances of security required in London Conference--The US delegation to the London Conference on Germany has expressed the opinion that apparently it will be necessary for France and the Benelux countries to receive some assurances concerning their security against German aggression before any progress can be made toward an understanding on Germany. The delegation proposes the possibility of suggesting to the French a three-power disarmament and demilitarization treaty.

The Department of State has suggested to the US delegation that it discuss with the UK and France the advisability of inviting Italy to express in writing its views pertaining to German economic problems of concern to Italy. The Department believes that such an invitation would be an expression of western support for the present moderate government in Rome.

## EUROPE

3. ITALY: Restraint advised in Italian relations with Spain--The Department of State has instructed the US Embassy in Rome to suggest to the Italian Foreign Office that it exercise caution and restraint in its efforts to improve relations with

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Spain. The Department believes that too hasty action would offer advantageous propaganda to the extreme Left. The Department adds that the US also desires improved relations with Spain but believes it will be difficult, if not impossible, to accomplish such an improvement without substantial political and economic changes within Spain itself.

#### FAR EAST

4. SIAM: New cabinet formed--US Embassy Bangkok reports that the composition of the new Siamese Cabinet under Premier Khuang Abhaiwong shows no major changes in ministerial portfolios, but that some concessions have been made to the military group in the appointment of deputy ministers and acting ministers. The Embassy comments that the cabinet retains all the key men of the former provisional government and appears to be a good cabinet.

(CIA Comment: This new cabinet will probably receive foreign recognition in the near future. Such recognition will strengthen the already demonstrated ability of the key members of the cabinet to resist pressure from the group which led the 1932 coup against the absolute monarchy.)

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